

and means of achieving the desired properties for the protective shell may be available, each of which are in keeping with the spirit and scope of the present invention and are meant to be included therein.

Figure 10 depicts the shell of such a slipper (109) in which a heel guard portion (170) has been provided. Such simply provides another protective feature and should be considered an optional feature of the invention

While the following description will seek to improve understanding of the invention by describing the various components and elements, it should be considered that certain apparatus may be sufficiently and adequately explained by the accompanying drawings, which are fully incorporated herein, and not require further description. All such apparatus should be considered as part of the specification of the invention for all purposes and also to be included within the spirit and scope of the present invention.

Further modification and variation can be made to the disclosed embodiments without departing from the subject and spirit of the invention as defined in the following claims. All such modifications and variations, as included within the scope of these claims, are meant to be considered part of the invention as described.

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A household slipper which is adapted to protect and comfort the foot, such

household slipper comprising;

a slipper sole made of a flexible but protective material of sufficient thickness and substance to prevent injury to the foot from stepping upon small rigid objects;

5 said slipper further comprising, at the front and about the toe, a protective assembly, said protective assembly further comprising a compartment defined by an outer layer and inner layer, said compartment further housing a protective material which is shaped to cover the front of a person's foot and toes.

10 2. The household slipper described in claim 1, in which said sole is enlarged to expand beyond the side in front of the slipper a sufficient distance due provide protection and cushioning from collisions with small objects which may be found about the house.

15 3. The household slipper described in claim 1 in which said protective assembly outer layer is made of a fabric which is suitable for decoration or decorative display and in which said inner layer is made of a material adapted to afford comfort to a person's foot.

4. The household slipper described in claim 1 in which the back of said slipper is adapted with a gripping member, said gripping member further comprising a slight inwardly protruding member at the top of the rear opening of the shell of the slipper.

20 5. The household slipper described in claim 2 in which the back of said

slipper is adapted with a gripping member, said gripping member further comprising a slight inwardly protruding member at the top of the rear opening of the shell of the slipper.

6. The household slipper described in claim 3 in which the back of said slipper is adapted with a gripping member, said gripping member further comprising a slight inwardly protruding member at the top of the rear opening of the shell of the slipper.

7. The household slipper described in claim 1 in which a side of the slipper is adapted with one or more ventilation holes.

8. The household slipper described in claim 2 in which a side of the slipper is adapted with one or more ventilation holes.

9. The household slipper described in claim 3 in which a side of the slipper is adapted with one or more ventilation holes.

10. The household slipper described in claim 4 in which a side of the slipper is adapted with one or more ventilation holes.

11. The household slipper described in claim 5 in which a side of the slipper is adapted with one or more ventilation holes.

12. The household slipper described in claim 6 in which a side of the slipper is adapted with one or more ventilation holes.

13. The household slipper described in claim 1 in which the sole is adapted

with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

14. The household slipper described in claim 2 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of  
5 a person's foot.

15. The household slipper described in claim 3 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

16. The household slipper described in claim 4 in which the sole is adapted  
10 with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

17. The household slipper described in claim 5 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

15 18. The household slipper described in claim 6 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

19. The household slipper described in claim 7 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of  
20 a person's foot.

20. The household slipper described in claim 8 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

21. The household slipper described in claim 9 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

22. The household slipper described in claim 10 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

23. The household slipper described in claim 11 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

24. The household slipper described in claim 12 in which the sole is adapted with an arch supporting portion adapted to provide additional support to the arch of a person's foot.

25 The household slipper described in claim 1 in which the sole may be made of a flexible semi-rigid material adapted with air pockets.

26. The household slipper described in claim 1 in which said protective layer may be made of a flexible and semirigid material adapted with air holes.